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MATHEMATICS

PREFACE

This brochure provides a first insight into research in Germany in the field of mathematics.

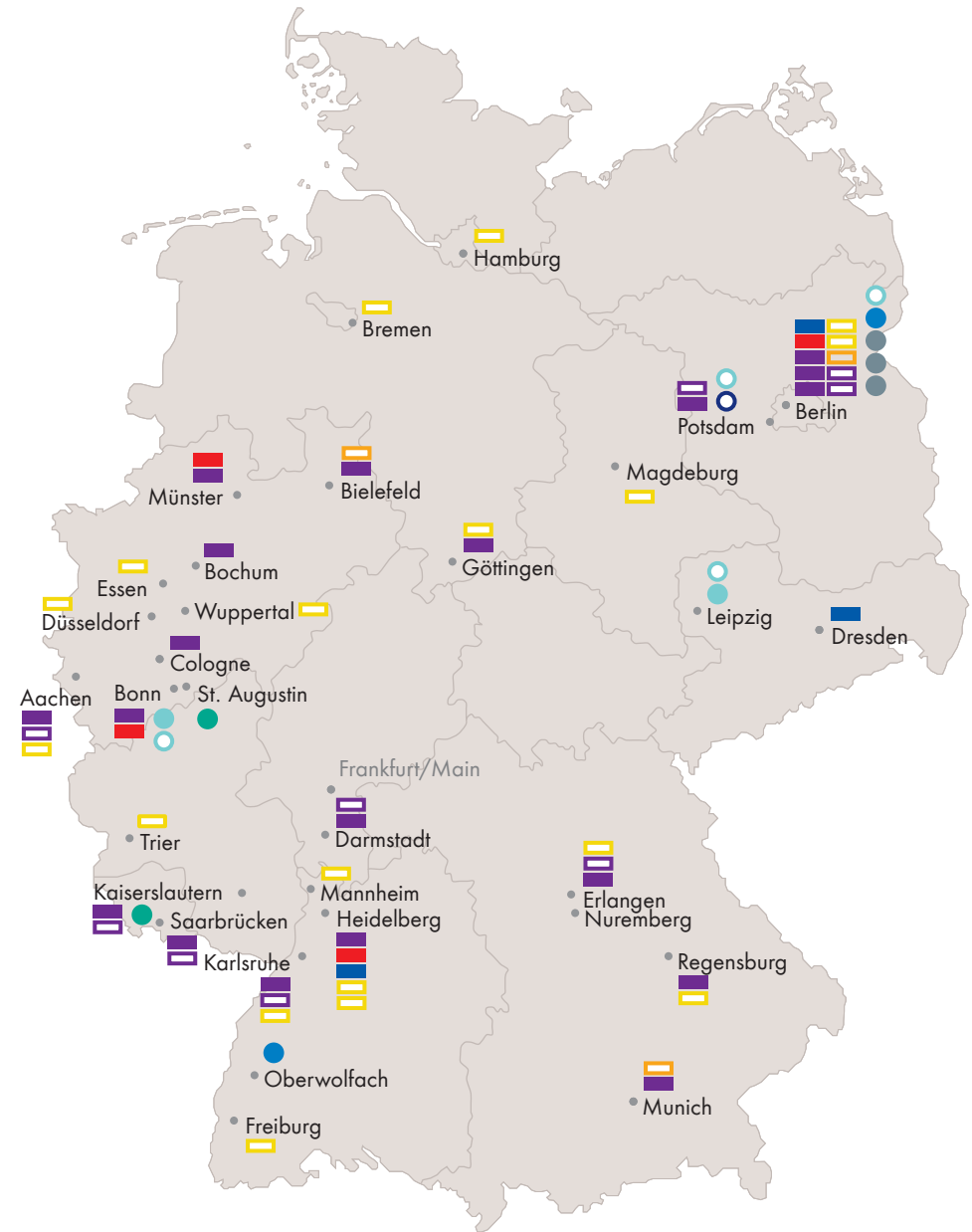
Mathematical research in Germany is primarily conducted at universities but also at non-university research institutions. Almost all universities and many universities of applied sciences host a mathematical research section with smaller or larger working groups. Most mathematics departments refer to mathematics in a broad sense and cover a wide range of mathematical subdisciplines. Many departments have nowadays developed a more focused research profile concentrating in priority areas of mathematical research.













This brochure is intended to give an initial overview. The following map and tables highlight research consortia and graduate training programmes at universities and non-university research institutes with a main focus on mathematics.

On top of this, there is a lot more to discover: e.g. the DFG funds a multitude of individual or joint projects in the area of mathematics through individual grants. Towards the end of this brochure, you will find a link to the online database GEPRIS that provides an overview of all DFG funded research projects. You will also find additional important links for further information about programmes in the field of mathematics and profiles of German universities and research institutions.

We invite you to explore the many opportunities that Germany has to offer and welcome your feedback.

OVERVIEW



 Research Training Groups	 Helmholtz Graduate Schools
 International Research Training Groups	 International Max Planck Research Schools
 Integrated Research Training Groups in Collaborative Research Centres/Transregios	 Fraunhofer Institutes
 Research Units	 Leibniz Institutes
 Clusters of Excellence	 Max Planck Institutes
 Collaborative Research Centres/Transregios	 Others

DFG funded Priority Programmes are not shown on the map since they are not necessarily located at a single location; they are listed on page 15.

CENTRES OF RESEARCH












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Clusters of Excellence (EXC) promote cutting-edge research. They serve to strengthen the research profiles of universities or university consortia in internationally competitive fields. They create excellent training and career opportunities for early career researchers. Within the framework of the Excellence Strategy, they can receive between €3 million and €10 million annually and are funded for seven years. A second seven-year period is possible.

Collaborative Research Centres (CRC) are organisational units established at universities which enable researchers to pursue an outstanding research programme crossing the boundaries of disciplines, institutes, departments and faculties. The traditional Collaborative Research Centre is generally applied for by one university and is conducted by researchers of that university. Early career support is a key objective of the Collaborative Research Centre Programme. Early career researchers may get involved in a CRC in numerous ways, for example within the framework of an Integrated Research Training Group. Collaborative Research Centres are funded for a period of up to 12 years.

Transregios (TRR) are Collaborative Research Centres in which up to three universities collaborate with each other and submit a joint application. The contributions of the cooperative partners are essential, complementary and synergetic to the joint research objective. Funding facilitates close, nationwide collaboration among the participating universities and researchers, as well as networking and shared use of resources. There is also the option of international Transregios.

CENTRES OF RESEARCH

Location	Institution	Title	Funded Since	Contact
CLUSTERS OF EXCELLENCE				
 Berlin	Freie Universität Berlin Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin Technische Universität Berlin	MATH+ The Berlin Mathematics Research Center (EXC 2046)	2019	www.mathplus.de
 Bonn	Rheinische Friedrich-Wilhelms-Universität Bonn	Hausdorff Center for Mathematics: Foundations, Models, Applications (EXC 2047)	2019	www.hcm.uni-bonn.de
 Heidelberg	Ruprecht-Karls-Universität Heidelberg	STRUCTURES: A Unifying Approach to Emergent Phenomena in the Physical World, Mathematics, and Complex Data (EXC 2181)	2019	www.thphys.uni-heidelberg.de/~structures
 Münster	Westfälische Wilhelms-Universität Münster	Mathematics Münster: Dynamics – Geometry – Structure (EXC 2044)	2019	www.uni-muenster.de/MathematicsMuenster
COLLABORATIVE RESEARCH CENTRES				
 Berlin	Freie Universität Berlin	Scaling Cascades in Complex Systems (CRC 1114)	2014	www.sfb1114.de
 Bielefeld	Universität Bielefeld	Taming Uncertainty and Profiting from Randomness and Low Regularity in Analysis, Stochastics and their Applications (CRC 1283)	2017	www.sfb1283.uni-bielefeld.de
 Bonn	Rheinische Friedrich-Wilhelms-Universität Bonn	The Mathematics of Emergent Effects (CRC 1060)	2012	http://sfb1060.iam.uni-bonn.de
 Göttingen	Georg-August-Universität Göttingen	Mathematics of Experiment: The Challenge of Indirect Measurements in the Natural Sciences (CRC 1456)	2020	www.uni-goettingen.de/en/628179.html
 Karlsruhe	Karlsruher Institut für Technologie	Wave Phenomena: Analysis and Numerics (CRC 1173)	2015	www.waves.kit.edu
 Münster	Westfälische Wilhelms-Universität Münster	Geometry: Deformations and Rigidity (CRC 1442)	2020	www.uni-muenster.de/MathematicsMuenster/de/CRC-Geometry
 Potsdam	Universität Potsdam	Data Assimilation – The Seamless Integration of Data and Models (CRC 1294)	2017	www.sfb1294.de

CENTRES OF RESEARCH

Location	Institution	Title	Funded Since	Contact
Regensburg	Universität Regensburg	Higher Invariants – Interactions between Arithmetic Geometry and Global Analysis (CRC 1085)	2013	www-app.uni-regensburg.de/Fakultaeten/MAT/sfb-higher-invariants/index.php/SFB1085
COLLABORATIVE RESEARCH CENTRES/TRANSREGIOS				
Aachen	Rheinisch-Westfälische Technische Hochschule Aachen	Symbolic Tools in Mathematics and their Application (TRR 195)	2017	www.computer-algebra.de/sfb
Kaiserslautern	Technische Universität Kaiserslautern			
Saarbrücken	Universität des Saarlandes			
Berlin	Technische Universität Berlin	Discretization in Geometry and Dynamics (TRR 109)	2012	www.discretization.de
München	Technische Universität München			
Graz (Austria)	Technische Universität Graz			
Vienna (Austria)	Technische Universität Wien			
Berlin	Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin	Mathematical Modelling, Simulation and Optimization. Using the Example of Gas Networks (TRR 154)	2014	http://trr154.fau.de
Darmstadt	Technische Universität Darmstadt			
Erlangen-Nuremberg	Friedrich-Alexander-Universität Erlangen-Nürnberg			
Bochum	Ruhr-Universität Bochum	Symplectic Structures in Geometry, Algebra and Dynamics (TRR 191)	2017	www.mi.uni-koeln.de/CRC-TRR191
Cologne	Universität zu Köln			
Heidelberg	Ruprecht-Karls-Universität Heidelberg			



RESEARCH UNITS

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Research Units (FOR) often contribute to establishing new research directions. Research Units are made up of a team of researchers working together on a research project which is often of an interdisciplinary nature. Research Units consist of several researchers and subprojects. The subprojects of a Research Unit are often located at several locations throughout Germany. Research Units are generally funded for up to six years.



RESEARCH UNITS

Title	Funded Since	Contact
Vector- and Tensor-Valued Surface PDEs (FOR 3013) Subprojects mainly located in: Dresden	2019	https://for3013.webspace.tu-dresden.de
Rough Paths, Stochastic Partial Differential Equations and Related Topics (FOR 2402) Subprojects mainly located in: Berlin	2016	www.for2402.tu-berlin.de
Symmetry, Geometry and Arithmetic (FOR 1920) Subprojects mainly located in: Heidelberg	2013	www.mathi.uni-heidelberg.de/fg-sga



PRIORITY PROGRAMMES

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Priority Programmes (SPP) have a programmatic focus and have the purpose of advancing knowledge in an emerging field of research through collaborative networked support.

They are characterised by their enhanced quality of research through the use of new methods and forms of collaboration in emerging fields. One programme can consist of up to 30 individual researchers and subprojects located at several institutions across Germany; it usually has one coordinating person. Priority Programmes normally receive funding for a period of six years.

Priority Programmes are not shown on the map. Only the titles of the overall themes and the project website are listed.

PRIORITY PROGRAMMES

Title	Funded Since	Contact
Theoretical Foundations of Deep Learning (SPP 2298)	2020	www.spp2298.de
Random Geometric Systems (SPP 2265)	2020	https://spp2265.wias-berlin.de/
Variational Methods for Predicting Complex Phenomena in Engineering Structures and Materials (SPP 2256)	2020	www.uni-regensburg.de/mathematik/mathematik-dolzmann/spp-2256
Geometry at Infinity (SPP 2026)	2017	www.spp2026.de
Non-Smooth and Complementarity-Based Distributed Parameter Systems: Simulation and Hierarchical Optimization (SPP 1962)	2016	https://spp1962.wias-berlin.de
Compressed Sensing in Information Processing (SPP 1798)	2015	www.ti.rwth-aachen.de/SPP1798
Homotopy Theory and Algebraic Geometry (SPP 1786)	2015	www.uni-due.de/~bm0032/SPP1786/Web
Reliable Simulation Techniques in Solid Mechanics. Development of Non-Standard Discretization Methods, Mechanical and Mathematical Analysis (SPP 1748)	2014	www.uni-due.de/spp1748



NON-UNIVERSITY RESEARCH INSTITUTIONS

Fraunhofer Society is one of the world's leading organisations for applied research with an annual research budget of 2.8 billion euros, 74 institutes and more than 28,000 employees. Fraunhofer's R&D portfolio covers a wide range of fields, including health, security, communications, transport, energy and the environment. www.fraunhofer.de

The Leibniz Association is an umbrella organisation of 95 research institutes. The annual budget amounts to 1.9 billion euros. Some 11,500 researchers – approximately 25% of them from abroad – work on a widely diverse range of subjects, including the humanities and social sciences, economics, spatial and life sciences, mathematics, natural and engineering sciences and environmental research. www.leibniz-association.eu

The Max Planck Society for the Advancement of Science is one of Germany's largest independent non-profit research organisations. The Max Planck Society has been allocated approximately 1.8 billion euros for 2018. A combined total of 15,300 researchers, postdoctoral/junior researchers and visiting researchers at 86 Max Planck Institutes conduct basic research in the natural sciences, life sciences, social sciences and humanities. One third of the researchers and more than half of the junior and visiting researchers come from abroad. www.mpg.de

NON-UNIVERSITY RESEARCH INSTITUTIONS

Location	Institution	Contact
FRAUNHOFER INSTITUTES		
● Kaiserslautern	Fraunhofer Institute for Industrial Mathematics (ITWM)	www.itwm.fraunhofer.de
● St. Augustin	Fraunhofer Institute for Algorithms and Scientific Computing (SCAI)	www.scai.fraunhofer.de
LEIBNIZ INSTITUTES		
● Berlin	Weierstrass Institute for Applied Analysis and Stochastics Leibniz Institute in Forschungsverbund Berlin e. V. (WIAS)	www.wias-berlin.de
● Oberwolfach	Mathematisches Forschungsinstitut Oberwolfach (MFO)	www.mfo.de
MAX-PLANCK-INSTITUTES		
● Bonn	Max Planck Institute for Mathematics (MPI-M)	www.mpim-bonn.mpg.de
● Leipzig	Max Planck Institute for Mathematics in the Sciences (MPI-MIS)	www.mis.mpg.de
OTHERS		
● Berlin	ECMath – Einstein Center for Mathematics Berlin	www.ecmath.de
● Berlin	Forschungscampus MODAL - Mathematical Optimization and Data Analysis Laboratories	www.forschungscampus-modal.de/en
● Berlin	Konrad-Zuse-Zentrum für Informationstechnik Berlin (Zuse Institute Berlin)	www.zib.de
Network of project consortia spread all over Germany	Federal Ministry of Education and Research (BMBF) Programme "Mathematics for Innovations in Industry and Services"	www.bmbf.de/de/mathematik-treiber-fuer-innovationen-3534.html (DE)

GRADUATE TRAINING











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Research Training Groups (RTG) combine an ambitious research programme at universities with comprehensive training, tailored supervision and academic freedom to form an ideal environment for a successful doctorate. Research Training Groups can also have an interdisciplinary approach. They are funded for a period of up to nine years.

International Research Training Groups (IRTG) provide opportunities for joint doctoral training programmes between German universities and universities abroad. The research and study programmes are jointly developed and supervised. Doctoral students in the programme spend six months at the partner institution.

Integrated Research Training Groups (within Collaborative Research Centres/ Transregios) offer ideal research environments for doctoral researchers. The main aim of these structured training programmes is to provide young scientists and academics with opportunities to independently carry out research at an early stage of their career. The programmes further take care to closely integrate early career researchers into an academic network. Working in Clusters of Excellence or Collaborative Research Centres projects, doctoral researchers achieve additional qualifications. As research assistants in these projects, they contribute to the Research Centre's success. They are closely involved with the projects and have access to the entire project infrastructure.

GRADUATE TRAINING

Location	Institution	Title	Funded Since	Contact
RESEARCH TRAINING GROUPS				
 Aachen	Rheinisch-Westfälische Technische Hochschule Aachen	Energy, Entropy, and Dissipative Dynamics (RTG 2326)	2017	www.eddy.rwth-aachen.de
 Berlin	Freie Universität Berlin Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin Technische Universität Berlin	Facets of Complexity (RTG 2434)	2018	www.facetsofcomplexity.de
 Berlin	Technische Universität Berlin	Differential Equation- and Data-driven Models in Life Sciences and Fluid Dynamics (DAEDALUS) (RTG 2433)	2018	https://daedalus.berlin
 Bremen	Universität Bremen	Pi³: Parameter Identification – Analysis, Algorithms, Implementations (RTG 2224)	2016	www.math.uni-bremen.de/rtg-pi3
 Düsseldorf	Heinrich-Heine-Universität Düsseldorf	Algebro-Geometric Methods in Algebra, Arithmetic and Topology (RTG 2240)	2018	http://reh.math.uni-duesseldorf.de/~grk2240
Wuppertal	Bergische Universität Wuppertal			
 Erlangen-Nuremberg	Friedrich-Alexander-Universität Erlangen-Nürnberg	IntComSin Interfaces, Complex Structures, and Singular Limits in Continuum Mechanics – Analysis and Numerics (RTG 2339)	2018	www.uni-regensburg.de/Fakultaeten/nat_Fak_1/GK_2339
Regensburg	Universität Regensburg			
 Essen	Universität Duisburg-Essen	Symmetries and Classifying Spaces: Analytic, Arithmetic and Derived (RTG 2553)	2019	www.esaga.uni-due.de/grk2553/
 Freiburg	Albert-Ludwigs-Universität Freiburg	Cohomological Methods in Geometry (RTG 1821)	2011	www.gk1821.uni-freiburg.de
 Göttingen	Georg-August-Universität Göttingen	Discovering Structure in Complex Data: Statistics meets Optimization and Inverse Problems (RTG 2088)	2015	www.uni-goettingen.de/en/514290.html
 Hamburg	Universität Hamburg	Modeling, Simulation and Optimization of Fluid Dynamic Applications (RTG 2583)	2019	www.c3s.uni-hamburg.de/rtg2583.html

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Location	Institution	Title	Funded Since	Contact
Heidelberg Karlsruhe	Ruprecht-Karls-Universität Heidelberg Karlsruher Institut für Technologie	Asymptotic Invariants and Limits of Groups and Spaces (RTG 2229)	2016	www.groups-and-spaces.kit.edu
Heidelberg Mannheim	Ruprecht-Karls-Universität Heidelberg Universität Mannheim	Statistical Modeling of Complex Systems and Processes – Advanced Nonparametric Approaches (RTG 1953)	2013	http://rtg1953.uni-heidelberg.uni-mannheim.de
Magdeburg	Otto-von-Guericke-Universität Magdeburg	Mathematical Complexity Reduction (CoRe) (RTG 2297)	2017	www.mathcore.ovgu.de
Trier	Universität Trier	Algorithmic Optimization (ALOP) (RTG 2126)	2015	www.alop.uni-trier.de

INTERNATIONAL RESEARCH TRAINING GROUPS

Berlin Oxford (Great Britain)	Technische Universität Berlin Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin University of Oxford	Stochastic Analysis in Interaction (IRTG 2544)	2019	www3.math.tu-berlin.de/stoch/IRTG
Bielefeld Seoul (South Korea)	Universität Bielefeld Seoul National University	Searching for the Regular in the Irregular: Analysis of Singular and Random Systems (IRTG 2235)	2016	https://irtg.math.uni-bielefeld.de
Munich Graz (Austria)	Technische Universität München Universität der Bundeswehr München Karl-Franzens-Universität Graz Technische Universität Graz	Optimization and Numerical Analysis for Partial Differential Equations with Nonsmooth Structures (IRTG 1754)	2011	http://igdk1754.ma.tum.de/IGDK1754

INTEGRATED RESEARCH TRAINING GROUPS IN COLLABORATIVE RESEARCH CENTRES

Berlin	Freie Universität Berlin	Integrated Research Training Group within: Scaling Cascades in Complex Systems (CRC 1114)	2014	www.mi.fu-berlin.de/en/sfb1114/phd-program/index.html
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Location	Institution	Title	Funded Since	Contact
Karlsruhe	Karlsruher Institut für Technologie	Integrated Research Training Group within: Wave Phenomena: Analysis and Numerics (CRC 1173)	2015	www.waves.kit.edu/researchtraininggroup.php
Potsdam	Universität Potsdam	Integrated Research Training Group within: Data Assimilation – The Seamless Integration of Data and Models (CRC 1294)	2017	www.sfb1294.de/graduate-school

INTEGRATED RESEARCH TRAINING GROUPS IN COLLABORATIVE RESEARCH CENTRES/TRANSREGIOS

Aachen Kaiserslautern Saarbrücken	Rheinisch-Westfälische Technische Hochschule Aachen Technische Universität Kaiserslautern Universität des Saarlandes	Integrated Research Training Group within: Symbolic Tools in Mathematics and their Application (TRR 195)	2017	www.computeralgebra.de/sfb/graduate-programme
Berlin Darmstadt Erlangen-Nuremberg	Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin Technische Universität Berlin Technische Universität Darmstadt Friedrich-Alexander-Universität Erlangen-Nürnberg	Integrated Research Training Group within: Mathematical Modelling, Simulation and Optimization Using the Example of Gas Networks (TRR 154)	2014	www.trr154.fau.de/subprojects

GRADUATE TRAINING

- AT NON-UNIVERSITY RESEARCH INSTITUTIONS -

Helmholtz Graduate Schools provide a roof under which a varied number of curricula in different fields, or across disciplines, can find a home. Helmholtz Graduate Schools constitute a valuable addition to the wide range of training programmes available within the Helmholtz Association. They offer optimal conditions for PhD students to work and enable them to create a network of contacts with fellow university researchers while also fostering the integration of participants into the research environment.

International Max Planck Research Schools (IMPRS) offer talented German and international junior scientists the opportunity to earn a doctorate under excellent research conditions. The research schools are established by one or several Max Planck Institutes. These IMPRS work in close cooperation with universities and other – sometimes international – research institutions. This provides an extraordinary framework for the graduate students to work in, and is a great advantage in interdisciplinary research projects, or in projects that require special equipment.

GRADUATE TRAINING

Location	Title	Contact
HELMHOLTZ GRADUATE SCHOOLS		
● Potsdam	Helmholtz Graduate Research School GeoSim	www.geo-x.net/geosim
INTERNATIONAL MAX PLANCK RESEARCH SCHOOLS (IMPRS)		
● Berlin	IMPRS for Biology AND Computation	www.molgen.mpg.de/IMPRS
● Bonn	IMPRS for Moduli Spaces	www.mpim-bonn.mpg.de/node/78
● Leipzig	IMPRS for Mathematics in the Sciences	www.imprs-mis.mpg.de
● Potsdam-Golm	IMPRS for Mathematical and Physical Aspects of Gravitation, Cosmology and Quantum Field Theory	www.imprs-gcp.aei.mpg.de

SOCIETIES AND ASSOCIATIONS

IN GERMANY

Deutsche Mathematiker Vereinigung (DMV): www.mathematik.de/en

International Association of Applied Mathematics and Mechanics (GAMM):
www.gamm-ev.de

OPEN POSITIONS

Research in Germany: www.research-in-germany.org/jobs

Fraunhofer Society: www.fraunhofer.de/en/jobs-and-career.html

Helmholtz Association: www.helmholtz.de/en/jobs_talent

Leibniz Society: www.leibniz-gemeinschaft.de/en/careers/jobs.html

Max Planck Society: www.mpg.de/jobboard

FURTHER INFORMATION

RESEARCH INSTITUTIONS, PROJECTS, FUNDING, CONTACTS



The “Research in Germany” Portal: Information on research and funding opportunities, academic and research-related job portals, as well as advice on preparing a research stay or initiating a collaboration with German research organisations. www.research-in-germany.org



German Project Information System (GEPRIS): Online database providing information about all current DFG-funded research projects and contact information for the Principal Investigators. <http://gepris.dfg.de>



German Research Institutions (GERIT): Information on more than 25,000 institutes at German universities and non-university research institutions, searchable by geographic location, subject and other structural criteria. www.gerit.org



Website of the DFG: Further background information about DFG funding programmes, funding guidelines, and lists of currently DFG-funded activities. www.dfg.de



The German Rectors’ Conference (HRK) Research Map: The interactive HRK *Research Map* database provides information on the research priorities that are of strategic institutional importance for each university. www.hrk.de/home (go to → *Research Map*)



The Higher Education Compass: Information on Germany’s higher education institutions, the range of courses and programmes that they offer, their worldwide cooperation, and who to contact locally. www.hochschulkompass.de/en/study-in-germany



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